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--This is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/125,178, filed August 12, 1998, which is a 371 of PCT/EP97/00492, filed Feb. 4, 1997.--

In the Claims

Cancel claim 31.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please replace claims 1, 4 and 18-20 with the following amended claim:

B2 ~~Sub D1~~ 1. (amended) A process for increasing the molecular weight and/or viscosity of a polyamide or a polyester or a copolymer of these polymers which remain in the thermoplastic state after the process, which process comprises heating in a mixer or extruder a polyamide or polyester or a copolymer of these polymers, with the addition of at least one aromatic dicyanate, to the melting point or up to 50°C above the melting point or 50°C to 150°C above the glass transition point of said polymers or copolymers.

B3 ~~Sub D1~~ 4. (amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the polyamide or polyester or a copolymer of these polymers is a polyamide- or polyester- or a copolymer of these polymers-recyclate.

B4 ~~Sub D1~~ 18. (amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein from 0.01 to 5 parts by weight of the aromatic dicyanate are employed per 100 parts by weight of a polyamide or a polyester or a copolymer of these polymers.

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19. (amended) A process according to claim 2, wherein from 0.01 to 5 parts by weight of the polyfunctional compound are employed per 100 parts by weight of a polyamide or a polyester or a copolymer of these polymers.

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20. (amended) A process according to claim 3, wherein from 0.01 to 5 parts by weight of the difunctional epoxide are employed per 100 parts by weight of a polyamide or a polyester or a copolymer of these polymers.
